FDA experts demand ban on cancer-causing talc hidden in everyday food and medications

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- Talc, a mineral linked to cancer, has been found in common medications (e.g., Lipitor, Prilosec) and children's foods (e.g., chewing gum coatings), often without disclosure.

- Studies since the 1990s link talc to ovarian and stomach cancers, with the WHO classifying it as a "probable human carcinogen," yet U.S. regulators have failed to act.

- The FDA's outdated "Generally Recognized as Safe" (GRAS) loophole allows talc's continued use without modern safety reviews, unlike Europe's planned 2027 ban.

- Despite lawsuits (e.g., Johnson & Johnson's $10 billion in settlements) proving talc's harm, it remains in food and drugs, with no warning labels.

- Inexpensive substitutes like magnesium stearate exist, but bureaucratic delays and lobbying prevent swift action, leaving millions at risk.

A shocking revelation from a recent *Food and Drug Administration* (FDA) expert panel has exposed a silent threat lurking in America's food and drug supply. Talc, a mineral linked to

cancer, has been hiding in everything from children's candy to life-saving medications for decades.

Despite decades of scientific warnings, federal regulators have allowed this known carcinogen to remain in products consumed by millions daily. Now, health officials are demanding immediate action. But will the FDA finally listen?

Talc, a soft mineral prized for its moisture-absorbing properties, has been used for generations in cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and food processing. But mounting evidence suggests it may be far more dangerous than previously believed.

An FDA panel convened by Commissioner Dr. Marty Makary revealed that four of the 10 most prescribed medications in the U.S. – Lipitor (cholesterol), Synthroid (thyroid), Prilosec (acid reflux) and Neurontin (nerve pain) – contain talc. Even over-the-counter versions of Nexium and Prilosec, taken by millions for heartburn, include the substance.

Perhaps most alarming was the discovery that talc is also in foods children eat daily. The white powder coating on chewing gum, which prevents sticks from clumping, is talc. Yet unlike medications, food manufacturers aren't required to disclose its use – leaving parents unaware of their children's exposure.

The scientific case against talc is not new. In 1993, the National Toxicology Program found "clear evidence of carcinogenic activity" in female mice exposed to talc, specifically linking it to ovarian cancer. Since then, multiple studies have reinforced these findings:

- A 2013 review found a 30 percent increased ovarian cancer risk with prolonged talc use.
- A 2019 analysis of 30 studies confirmed a 28 percent increased cancer risk.
- A massive Taiwan study tied oral talc consumption to stomach cancer.

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The *World Health Organization*'s International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified talc as a "probable human carcinogen" based on strong evidence of its cancer-causing mechanisms in human cells. While European regulators are banning talc in cosmetics by 2027, the U.S. continues to permit its widespread use.

The reason? A regulatory loophole known as Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS). This loophole allows substances to be used in food based on outdated or manufacturer-backed safety claims without rigorous FDA review.

Talc was grandfathered into the GRAS list in the 1970s and has never undergone a comprehensive reassessment, despite emerging science. Even as lawsuits against Johnson & Johnson totaling $10 billion over talc-related cancer claims pile up, the FDA has remained passive. (Related: Supreme Court rejects Johnson & Johnson appeal challenging $2 billion talc verdict.)

The legal battles tell a damning story. In one landmark case, plaintiffs were awarded $550 million in damages plus $4.14 billion in punitive fines after proving J&J's talc products caused cancer. Yet while cosmetic companies have removed talc from baby powder, it remains in food and drugs with no warning labels.

Dr. George Tidmarsh of *Stanford University*, who co-authored research on talc contamination, revealed that 640,000 metric tons of talc were consumed in the U.S. in 2019. Much of this talc was imported from China, where reports indicate it's systematically added to wheat flour.

The most frustrating aspect of this crisis? Safer substitutes are already available. Magnesium stearate, calcium stearate and colloidal silicon dioxide – all inexpensive and widely used in generic drugs—could replace talc tomorrow.

Every expert on the FDA panel agreed: Talc must be banned or phased out immediately. Yet with bureaucratic inertia and corporate lobbying in play, millions remain at risk.

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